

H.C. Burleigh Papers

GRIFFIS

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1878

Durham North Ld

Charles 2p

Griffis Alfred, Lestard con 7 lot 25
Farmer b. Can sold 1837

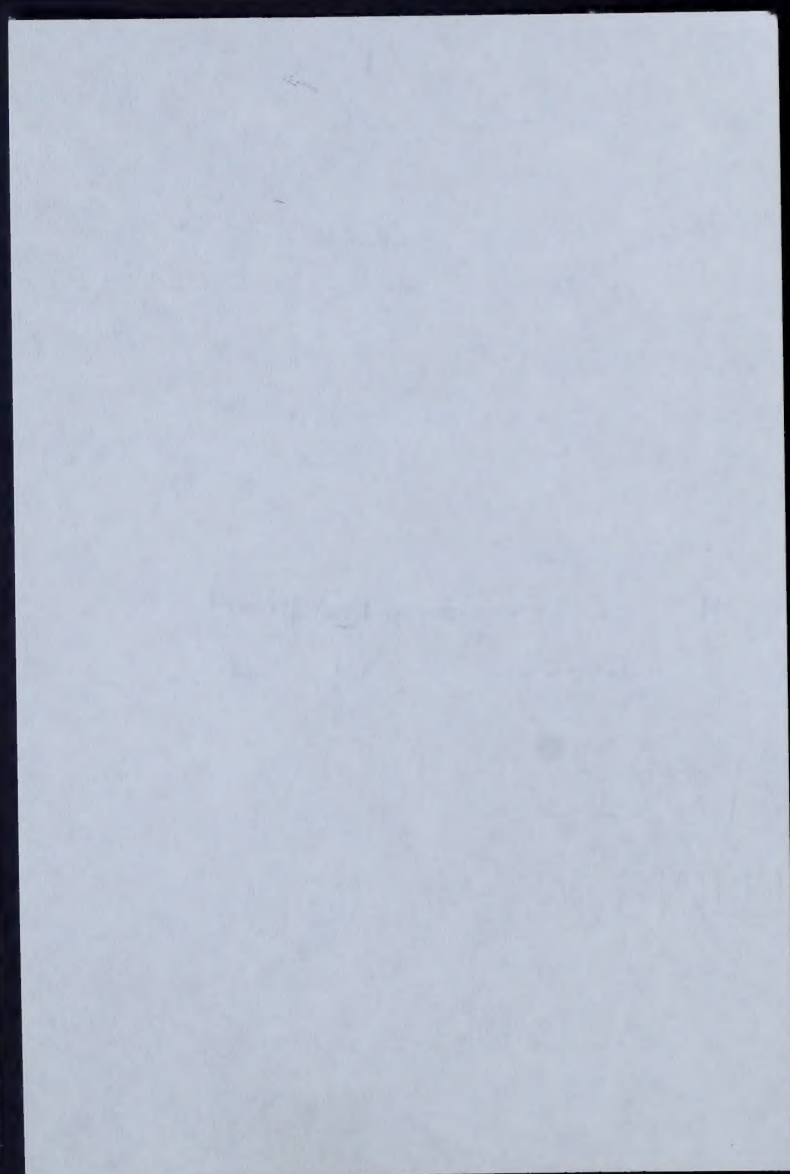
Murray

Griffis S. D. Stockdale con 8 lot 13
Farmer b. Can sold 1870

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H. T. Griffis conc. IX pt lot 18

Joseph Griffis " IV lot 32



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Oct. 3, 1970

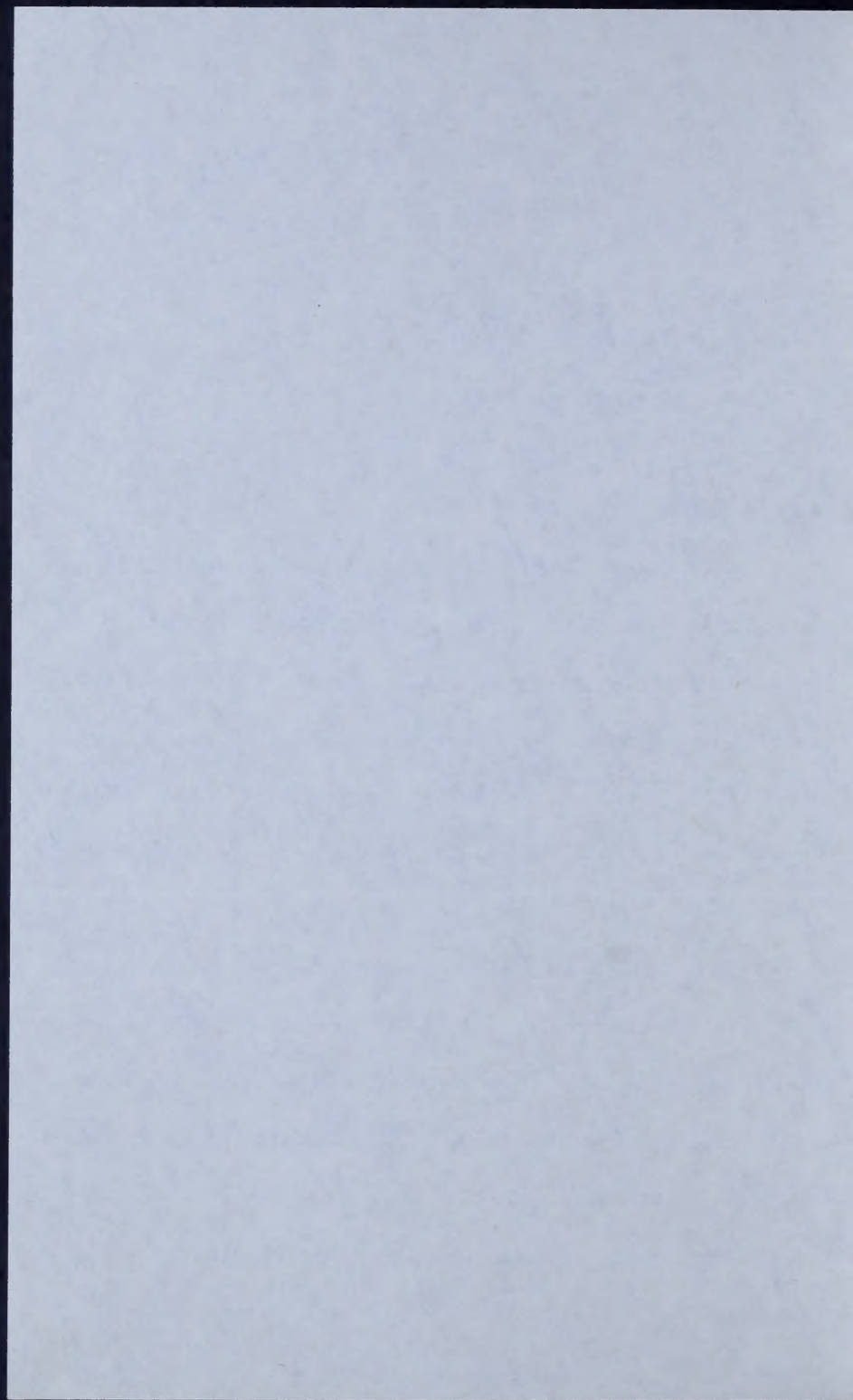
207 William St. N.
Lindsay, Ont.

H. C. Burleigh, M.D.
Bath, Ont.

Dear Sir;

This past summer I was talking to you about the Griffis ancestry. At that time I did not know who James Griffis' parents were. Later I found that Stephen Griffis and Anne Kemp were the father and mother of James.

I still have not been able to find out when William Griffis was born and died, or who his wife was and her birth and death dates. I have written to a James Griffis in Thunder Bay Ont. for this information as I heard that he had traced back our family considerably. As yet I have not heard



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from him.

If you are able to supply me with any further information on this subject it will be greatly appreciated. Thanking you in advance I have enclosed a list of Stephen and Anny Griffis and their family.

Yours sincerely,
Bruce Griffis

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from him. I have been able to supply
the only further information in the
book. It will be greatly appreciated
if you can advise me. I have
a list of ships and their
names and their flags.

Yours sincerely
J. B. Gifford

Hough Ser. Bk. 2. p. 17
1908

Victoria E. Griffith

of Parma

Survived by sister & 3 brothers:

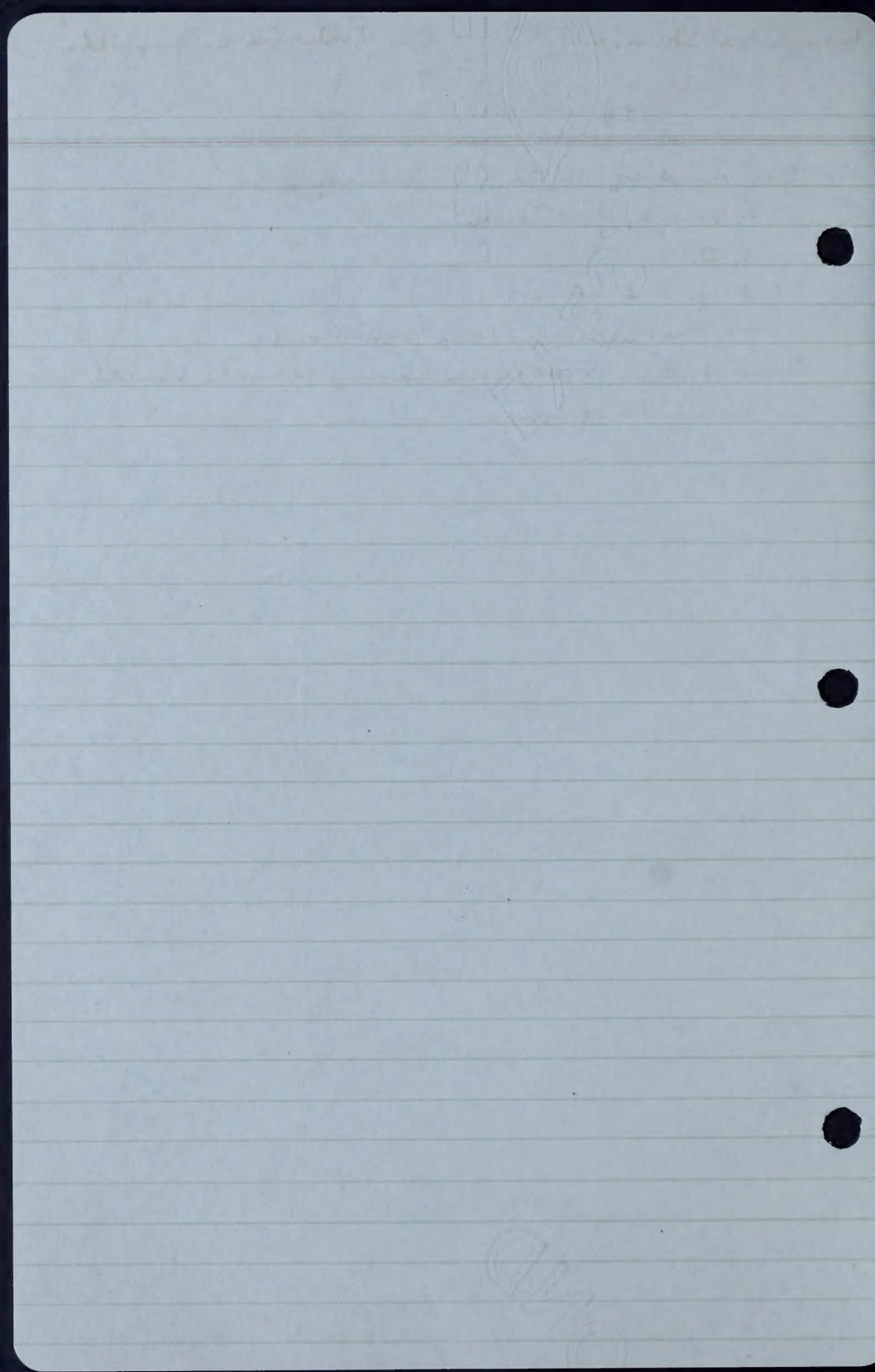
1. Frank, of Ottawa

2. D. }

3. J. } at home

4. Mrs. E. H. Dunbar, York Road

Died Feb 16, (1908) after having delicate health for
a number of years



Jan. 2, p. 11
1902

Mrs. P. D. Griffith
ne ~~Stanton~~ ~~Stanton~~

of Parma

Born, a dau. of late John Stanton, of Parma & came
with her parents from England
Survived by husband & ch.

1. none

2. no sisters

1. W. H. Stanton, of Manitoba

2. Frederick, of Manitoba

3. James, of Parma

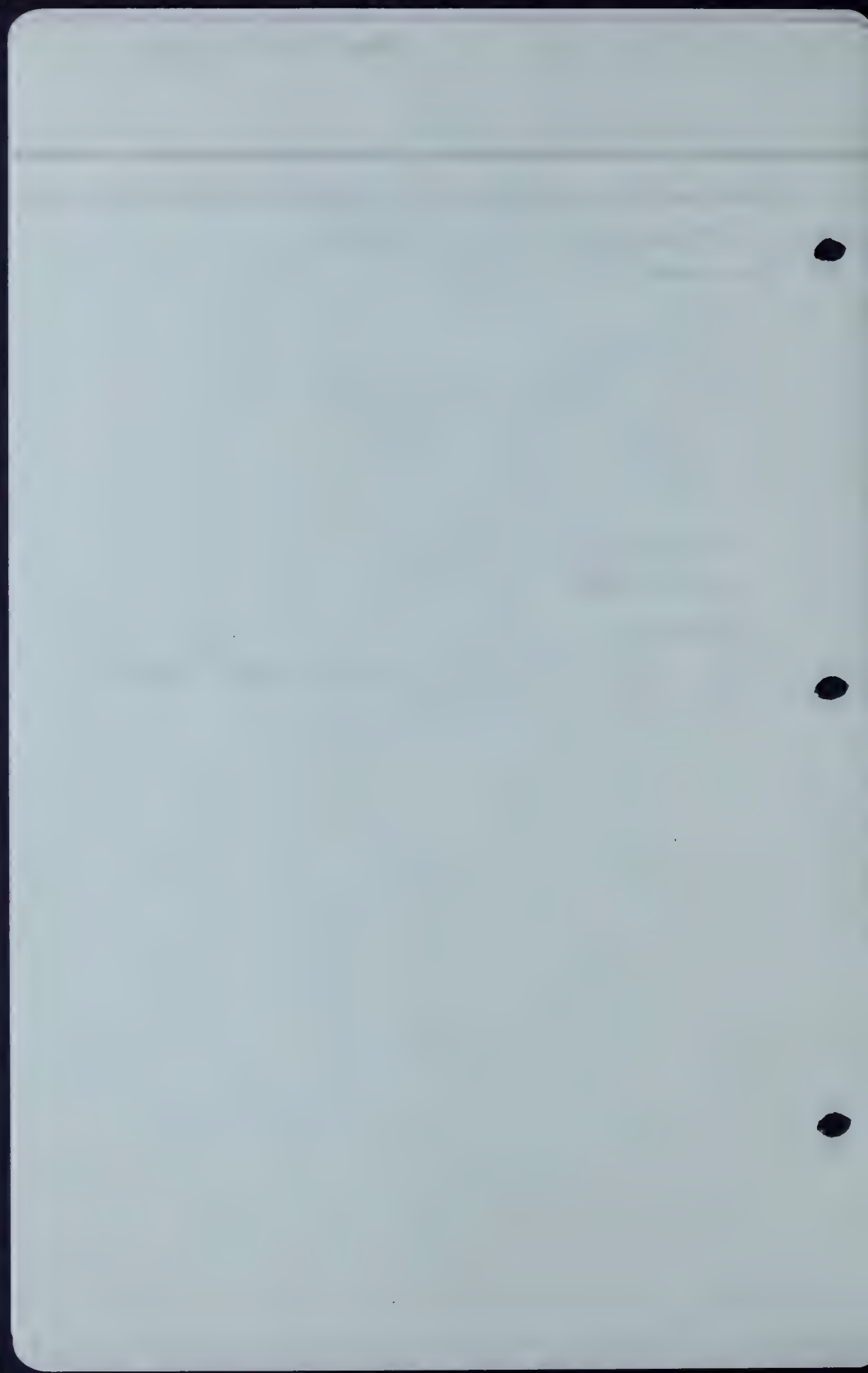
4. John, of Michigan

5. Alfred, of London, Ont.

6. Mrs. ^{Jane} ~~Jane~~, of Michigan

Methodist

Died in her 57th year on Monday, Dec 1st, after an
illness of nine months



High Ser. Bk. 2, p. 12
1904

P. D. Griffith

of Parma

Born about 65 yrs ago at Parma, son of late
Gilbert Griffith of Parma

M. Miss Shotton, of Parma who died about a yr. ago

Ch. 1 Mrs. Lester Potter, Green Point

Bros + Sisters

1. Frank, of Ottawa

2. David }

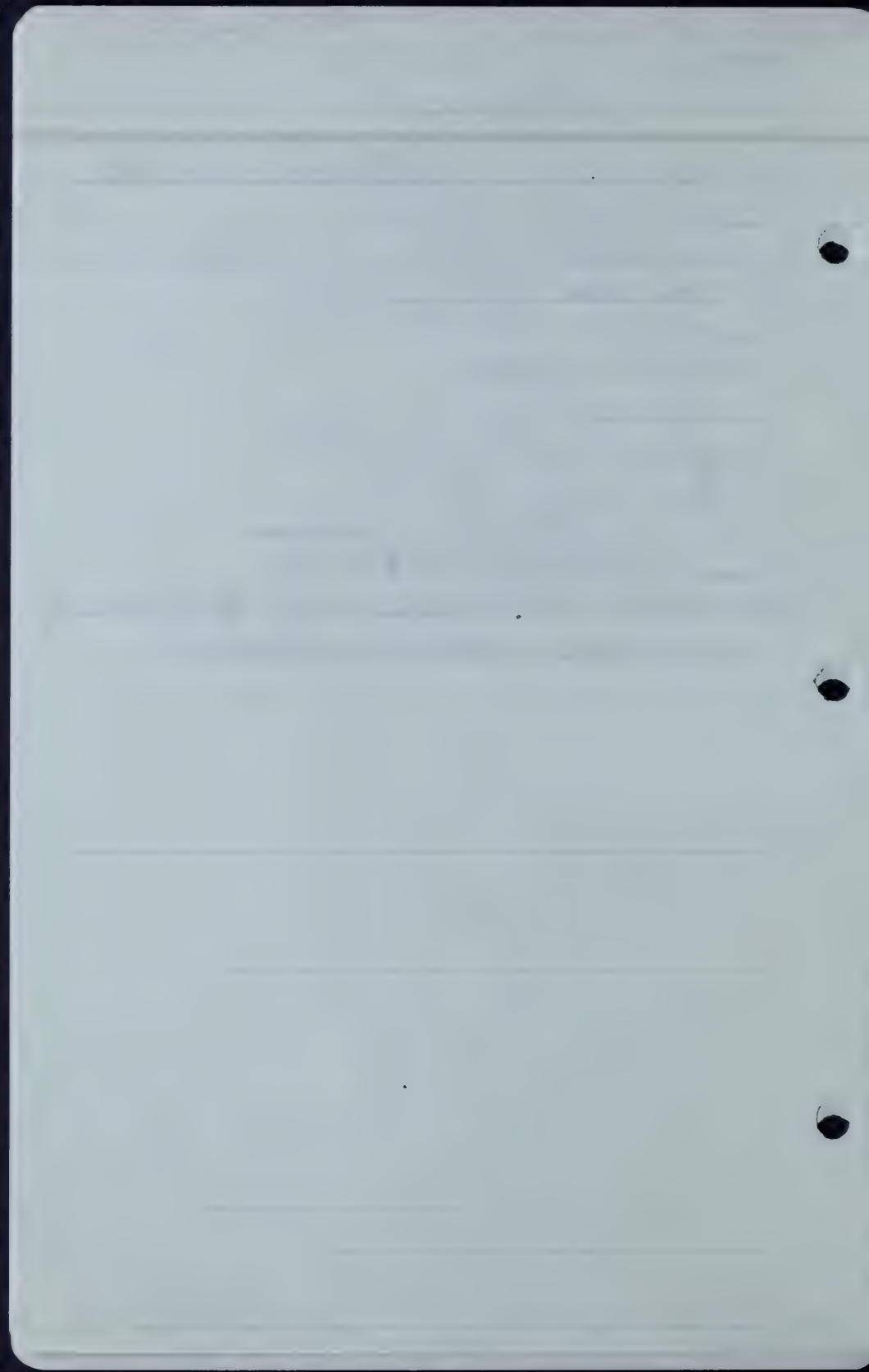
3. John } on the homestead

4 Miss Victoria, at home

5. Mrs. Ezra Dunbar, of Yellowa

Conservative, Methodist, & A.O.U.W.

Died Jan 29 (1904) aged about 65 yrs, at the home of
his daughter, Mrs. Lester Potter, Green Point.



of Sillsville

aged 80

d. Dec 27, 1913, on the same farm on which he was born.

A long resident of the Township

Represented the Township & County in municipal affairs.

Graduated from R.M.C. of Toronto & for years was Capt. of the Canadian T. C. & Hussars.

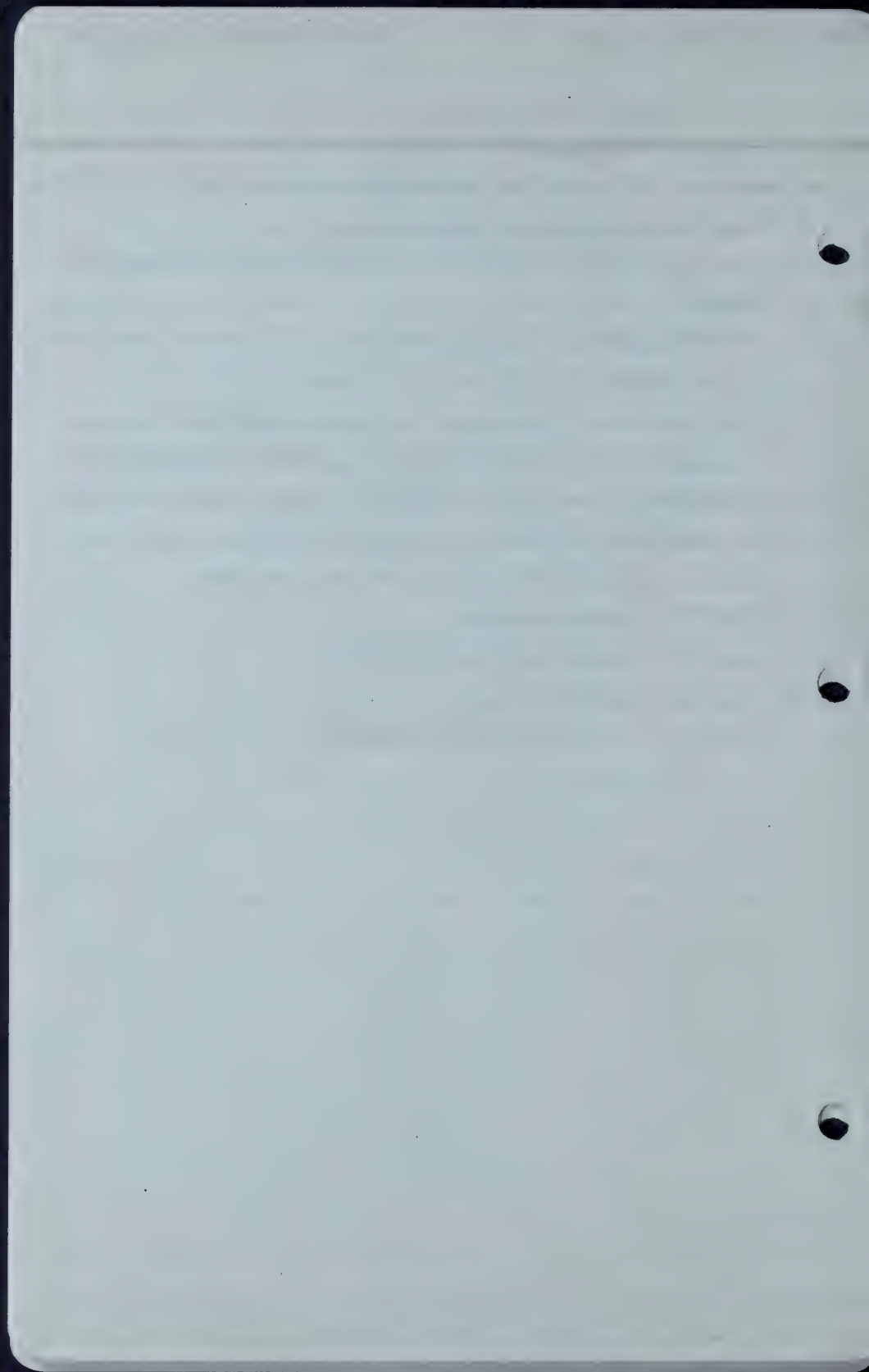
Was of U.S.L. parentage, his grandfather being a nephew of Philip Embury, who preached the dedicatory sermon, Oct 30, 1684, of the old John St. Methodist Church, New York, the mother church of Methodism in the new world

Methodist. Conservative.

Survived by a sister & brother

Mrs. E. H. Dunbar

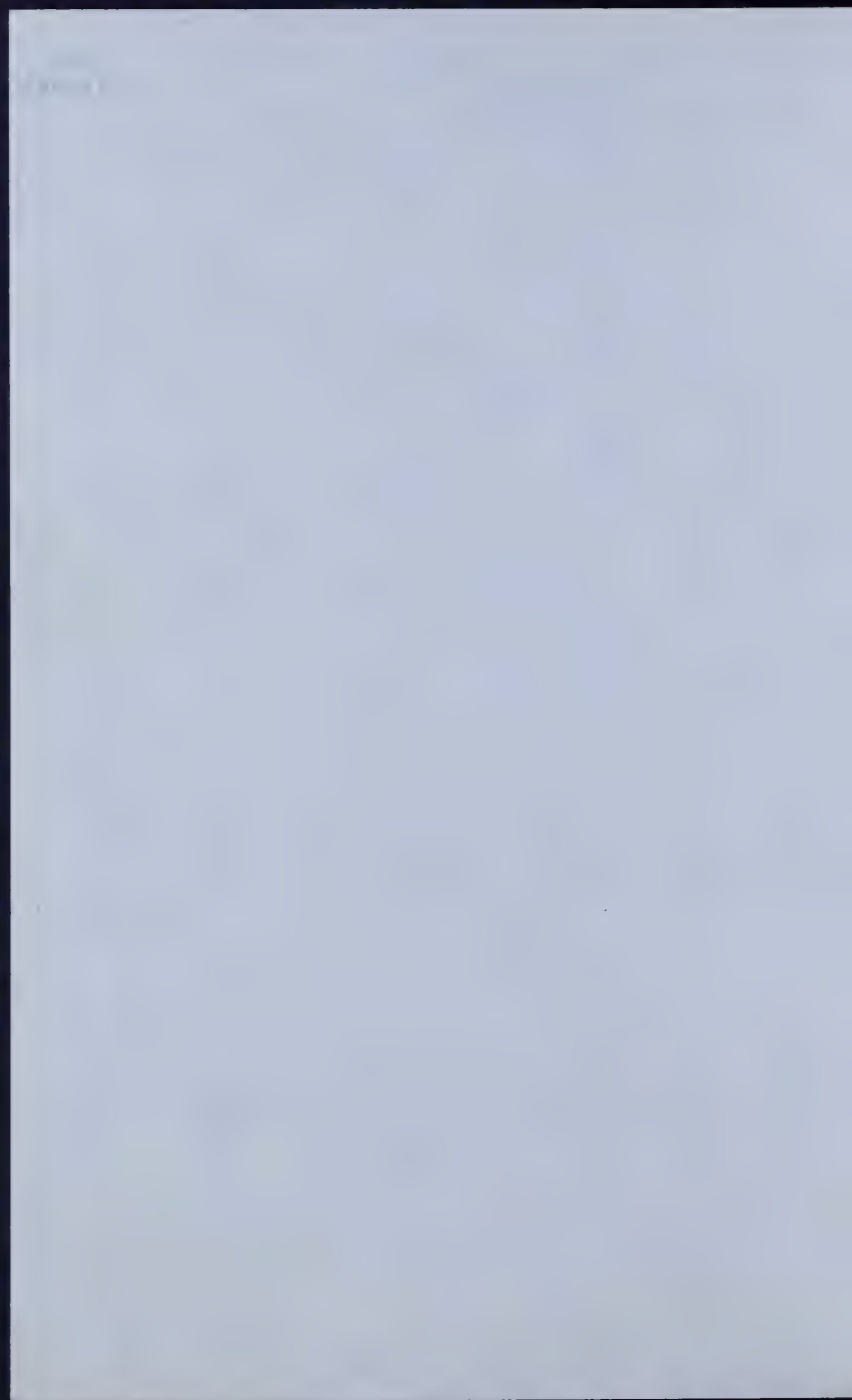
John. on the old homestead



	Born		Died	OC 1881-1884
Stephen Griffis	1772	-	1871	
Ann Kemp	1797	-	1874	
Mary H. Griffis	1815	-		
William Griffis	1816	-		
Elizabeth Conter Griffis	1819	-		
James A. Griffis	1823	-	1897	
John V. Griffis	1825	-	1866	
Stephen Dolson Griffis	1826	-		
Elida Maria Bell Griffis	1828	-	1854	James & Tieding of Packer.
Sarah Anne Griffis	1833	-		

This list I received did not have the death dates. The death dates that are listed here I took off the gravestones -

Bruce Griffis



Aug. 28/68

207 William St. W.
Lindsay Ont.

Dr. H. C. Burling
Bath
Ont.

Dear Sir;

I have been trying to
trace my ancestors and was
given your name by a cousin
of mine, Alma Blackburn,
nee Griffin.

I have been told that
William Griffin was a United
Empire Loyalist who came
to Canada after the War of
Independence. He had four
sons namely, Philip, William,
Gilbert and Stephen. One of
these four sons was the

Wm

1

Steph

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Andrew

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Joiah

father of James Griffis, who
was born in 1823 and died
in 1897, this person (James)
was the father of Robinson West
Griffis, who was my Great
Grandfather.

But you have any
information regarding this inquiry.
I would be pleased if you
would advise me what
channels I could follow to
secure this information.

Thanking you in advance.
Yours sincerely,
Bruce Griffis
Wm Gilbert Sever

Wm
Griffis
Philly

James
b. 1823
d. 1897

answered
3 Sep 1968

Robinson West G. =
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|
Bruce



Hough Co. N.Y. 1832

J. M. Griffith

of Illinois

An old merchant of Hough Co.

After receiving his education he learned the drug
business with the late Dr. T. Rogers, & then
entered in the business for himself. Continued
until the death of his wife.

Then removed to Illinois where he has since lived
Mr. Higgin, son of the late S. H. Bellon, by whom
he had one son. George W. Of a small family,
family, the Bellons have all passed away.

is a Miss McHenry, sister of the senior member
of the well-known dry goods firm, McHenry &
Sauders. They had 5 children, of whom
has passed away a few years ago.

Surviving children are.

George W.

Lottie

Franklin (nee Mrs. Thompson)

James

Harry of Toronto

all residing

in Illinois

except Harry

Harry is absent in New Westminster, playing
for the Minto Cup with Toronto "Ice hockey"
lacrosse club.

was of ... parents, his grandfathers. Being a
nephew of Philip Embury, the founder of
Methodism in the new world.

Two sons + one sister

David

John

Mrs. E. H. Embury.

over.

Methoden
d. 7. u. 11. 1901

24th January, 1975
2730, Central Street,
Evanston, Illinois

Mrs. Mada Hart,
Secretary,
Bay of Quinte Branch, U.E.S.,
P.O. Box 486,
Picton, Ontario
K0K 2T0.

RE: William Griffiths (s) (Griffiths)
U.E. Loyalist

Dear Mrs. Hart,

I have corresponded with the U.E.S. Dominion Office in Toronto about joining U.E.S. and am writing to you to ask if your Chapter has a record of the descendants of the above-mentioned man. My ancestors were Lawrence Corson (1794-1869) and his wife, Lydia Griffiths (1795-1854), who lived in Clinton Township, Lincoln County. Could you tell me if William Griffiths (s) had a daughter or grand-daughter named Lydia? Wm. S. settled in Lennox & Addington County under Van Alstine.

Thank you so much for your help.

Yours faithfully,
Damaris Chase

Philip
Wm
Robert
Stephen } apparently all born
about 1790-1800

one of these m. c 1810-20 Jane Bruyn

20.3.1975

replied 20.2.2009



Thornhill Baptist Church

8018 YONGE ST., THORNHILL, ONT.

MINISTER:

REV. ERNEST L. JOHNS
119 ROCKPORT CRES.,
RICHMOND HILL 884-5816

CLERK:

W. D. MC GOWAN
10 CAVALIER CRES., THORNHILL

December 9th, 1971.

Dr. H.C. Burleigh,
P.O. Box 9,
Bath, Ontario.

Dear Dr. Burleigh:

I never did get in to see you last summer simply because I never made a trip that way, but I have spent quite a few days since last writing at the Ontario Archives in downtown, Toronto. The trouble is, as you know, when you gather too many facts you multiply the conflicts in the evidence. Right now, I feel that I should fill in the family record form, but there is one thing which I would like to clear up first, if I can, and maybe you can help me from that unpublished geneology of the Van Alstyne family. I am trying to relate the children of Peter Van Alstine of Sidney township with the correct wives. Here is what I know of that family:

birth: reported in McDowell's register, Vol I, for Aug. 30, 1807, son of Cornelius Van Alstine and Rachael Dunham.

marriage: I have no records, but

1. Margaret Meyers, daughter of George W. Meyers and Alada Van Alstine of Sidney Twp., appeared in person before the magistrates at Adolphustown on Jan. 29th, 1834 and swore that she was the wife of Peter Van Alstine of Sidney and daughter of George W. Meyers of the same place. Her petition for land as the daughter of an U.E.L. was recommended by the council on June 5, 1834. (V Bundle 18, Vol 24). Peter, then, married his first cousin, first.

2. Parmelia Lott is the wife of record for Peter Vanalstine of Sidney Township by the census records of 1851, 61, 71. In 1851 the children living with them are given as George, John, Charles and Rachael Clarinda, ages 11, 7, 5 and 3 respectively. But living with a young farm family in Sidney Twp are Iry (I believe, poor spelling) and Eliza ages 21 and 18 respectively. Later census records show an Ira Van Alstine, married with a family, but I never found the Fletcher's (Eliza) in 1861.

In the book Pioneer Life on the Bay of Quinte, only the four younger children are listed and they are said to be Margaret's. Now I have acquired Eliza's death certificate from the State of Mich. and not being like Ontario it is

a photostat. Her daughter Ellen reports that she was married the first time at age 20 (this would be to Robert Fletcher) on whom I have nothing) and gives her parents as Peter Vanalstine and Permelia Lott. I have acquired from Ontario some of the information on Eliza's marriage certificate, the second time, to Paul Bartlett of Sidney Twp. ~~Here~~, on Oct. 19, 1872, Eliza said that she was born in Sidney and ~~that~~ her parents were Peter Vanalstine and Permelia Lott.

AND SO you can see that the reports conflict. Which of Peter's children belonged to Margaret and which to Parmelia (you noticed the spelling variations?). I had George Van Alstine's death notice in my grandmother's records and so sent for his certificate. The Registrar General's office came back that they had no record of it, and so I was no further ahead. Do your records of Major Peter Van Alstine's descendents go this far?

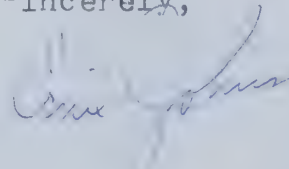
In my re^arch^s, I wrote down the information whenever I saw the name Griffis (ths) since my mother was Winnie T. Griffis, and discovered something which she did not know, or at least pass along, that she had direct descent from William Griffis U.E.L of Adolphustown and Frederickburgh, through Stephen, Andrew and Josiah. Again it is Stephen's children by Nancy Kemp ~~which~~ on which I do not have complete information. How is your Griffis file?

Anyway, I am going to fill in my application with what information I have as soon as I hear from you, and then I can continue working on the blanks. I can prove direct descent from the Major Peter, from William Griffis and I rather expect to John W. Meyers instead of John Lott, although this is why I am ~~writing~~ ^{waiting} you. I have not worked on Nancy Kemp or Rachael Dunham yet. I have picked up one report that Nancy was born in Adolphustown, but I expect it was probably Fredericksburgh. Rachael D. was born in New York State (census for Athol, 1861)

I am also working on Eliza's descendents and doing pretty well, too.

I'd be happy to hear from you.

Sincerely,



10 Dec., 1871.

Dear Rev. Joins:

The answer to your problem is contained in the Van Alstine Genealogy, if you can believe the person who compiled it, as I do.

Peter, (son of Cornelius Van Alstine & Rachel Adams) was born Mar 2 (or 3), 1806; baptized 30 Aug., 1806; married 1st Margaret Myers; no children.
2nd Pamela Scott (Lott?)
children (by Pamela)
George.
John, died in Trenton, and buried there.
Charles, died and buried in Trenton.
Clarinda, married Albert Smith. She was a dressmaker.
Eliza.
Ira.

There is nothing further about this family.

McNall's Parish Register, of Bath and area, has these notes:

1801, 22 Dec., marriage of Cornelius Van Alstine and Rachel Adams, both of Wolphus- town.

1807, 30 Aug., baptism of Peter, son of Cornelius Van Alstine & Rachel Adams, of Wolphus town.

Article.

I have very little of value to you in my Griffis file. Mr. Wm. Griffis, of 207 William St., N., Lindsay, Ont., sent me the following:

Stephen Griffis, born 1792; died 1871. His Order-in-Council, of 18 Aug., 1824.
his wife, Ann Ross, born 1777; died 1871.

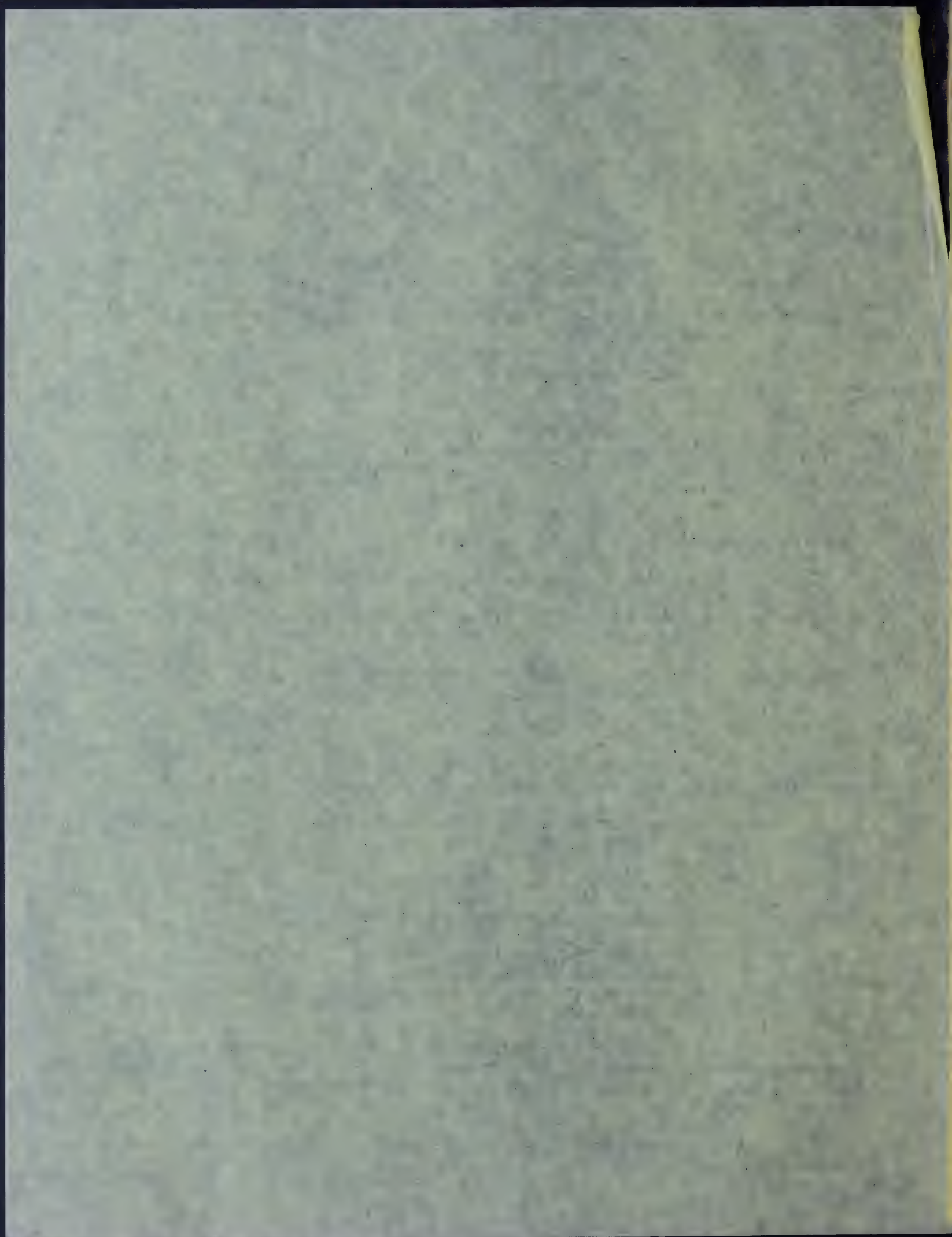
Children:

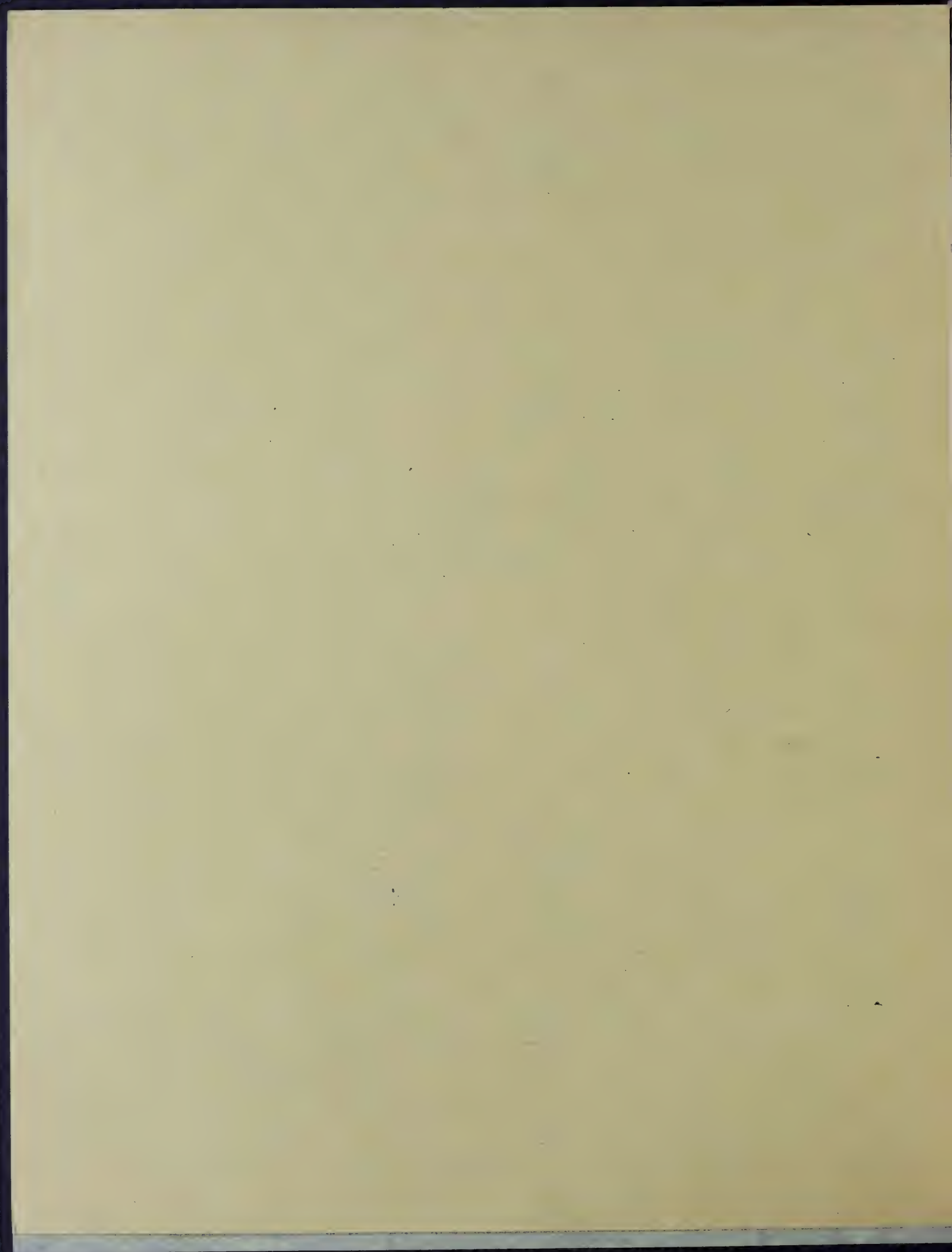
Harry P. Griffis, born 1815.
William Griffis, born 1816.
Elizabeth Contant Griffis, born 1819.
James A. Griffis, born 1823; died 1897.
John V. Griffis, born 1825; died 1866.
Stephen Dolson Griffis, born 1826.
Elida Maria Bell Griffis, born 1828; 1851. (James L. Toley of Icton)
Sarah Anne Griffis, born 1833.

Your best step is to contact Bruce Griffis. He might be of help with the Griffis side of your tree. Incidentally, this Stephen is son of William, U. S. The Public Archives, Ottawa, could send you a photostatic copy of Stephen's petition for land, dated 1st August, 1824.

We look forward to your application for membership in the U. S. L. Association.

Sincerely





Adolphustown Town Meetings.

William Griffis

Oversees of Highways in 1795, 1801 and 1804

Constable in 1799, 1800, 1801, 1806, 1807, 1808, 1809, 1820

Collector 1800, 1806, 1807

Poundkeeper 1801, 1802

Fenceviewer 1849.

Stephen Griffis

Constable 1828, 1830, 1831, 1832, 1833, 1834, 1835

Oversees of Highways 1st Concession 1829, 1836

Fence Viewer, 1st Concession 1838, 1842, 1843

Town Clerk, 1839, 1840, 1841

Poundkeeper 1st Concession 1839, 1840, 1841, 1842

No Griffis Quebec Plan
or Crown Grant

Register of Livestock

John G. Griffis' Mark. — A square crop off each ear and a
hole in the right. 8 June 1843



12 May, 1966

Mrs. E. L. [unclear],
[unclear],
Peterborough, Ont.

Dear Madam:

I am sorry for my delay in replying to your letter addressed to me as Genealogist of the Bay of Quinte Branch, I. O. G. S. I am sure that things occur on your hours—usual practice of a semi-retired type, letters from enquirers such as yourself, family doings, etc., etc.

I have looked casually through this file in my cabinet relative to your family, and I can confirm that there was a Loyalist named William Griffis, who settled in Adolphustown. Several of his sons were born as sons of a Loyalist, namely Philip, William, Gilbert and Merhan. Little is known about them, except that Gilbert did live in the adjoining Township of Fredericton, where his sons resided for many years.

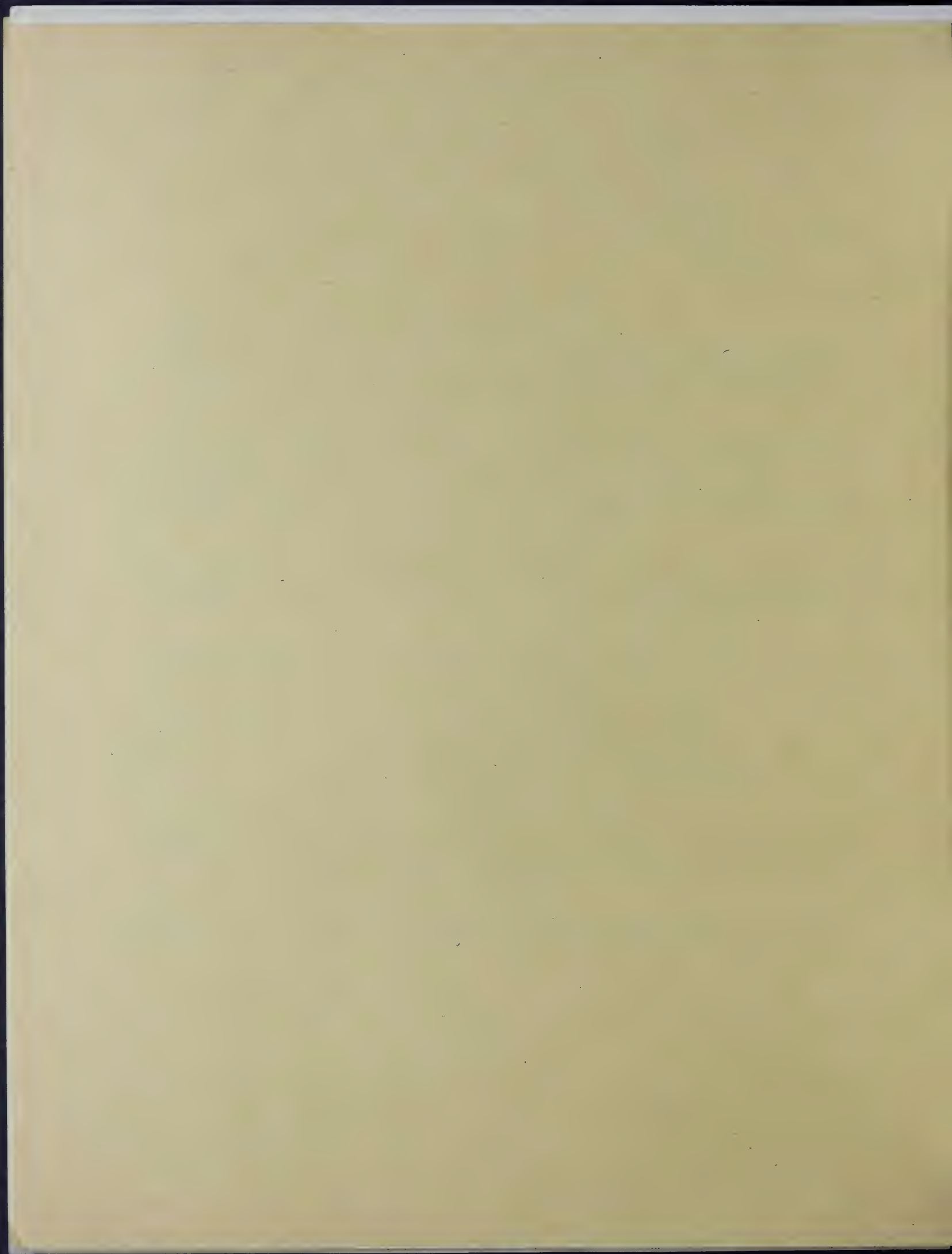
It would, therefore, appear that your grandfather was likely a son of one of these four boys. And, it would seem that a considerable search, would be required to discover which one is your great-grandfather. Suggested investigation includes

1. Review of land records at County Court House and Registry Office in [unclear]. This might well reveal wills or land transfers involving these sons.
2. Search in the Archives, Ottawa, for applications for land by William and his sons. Also for Census Records in 1851, 1861 and 1871 in appropriate townships.
3. Search of cemeteries in Adolphustown and Fredericton for burials.
4. Review of Parish Registers of the area, etc.

The problem could be solved, but both time and money are involved. This I know well, as I have spent thirty years and more at the gene. However, there is a great deal of pleasure and satisfaction involved in such a search into your family background, which outweighs all else.

I suggest that you give the matter due consideration. Then decide whether or not to proceed, and how far to go. If I can be of assistance, please let me know.

Yours sincerely,



RR#2,
Peterborough, Ont.
April 4th, 1966

Dr. H. C. Burleigh,
Genealogist,
Bay of Quinte United Empire Loyalist Association,
Adolphustown, Ont.

Dear Dr. Burleigh:-

In 1960 I read an article in the Telegram on the United Empire Loyalists by Leon Kossar.

I do know that my ancestors landed at Adolphustown.

My Great Grandfather James A. Griffis was born in 1823. He is buried at Castleton, Ont. His wife Clarissa Emily was born in 1834 and is buried there also.

Having seen a very ornately illustrated family Bible when I was a child I seem to recall that My Great Grandmother's maiden name was Van Dusen or something like that. Unfortunately it has been lost over the years.

I do not know whether my Great Grandfather's people came as United Empire Loyalists or came from England in the early 1800's.

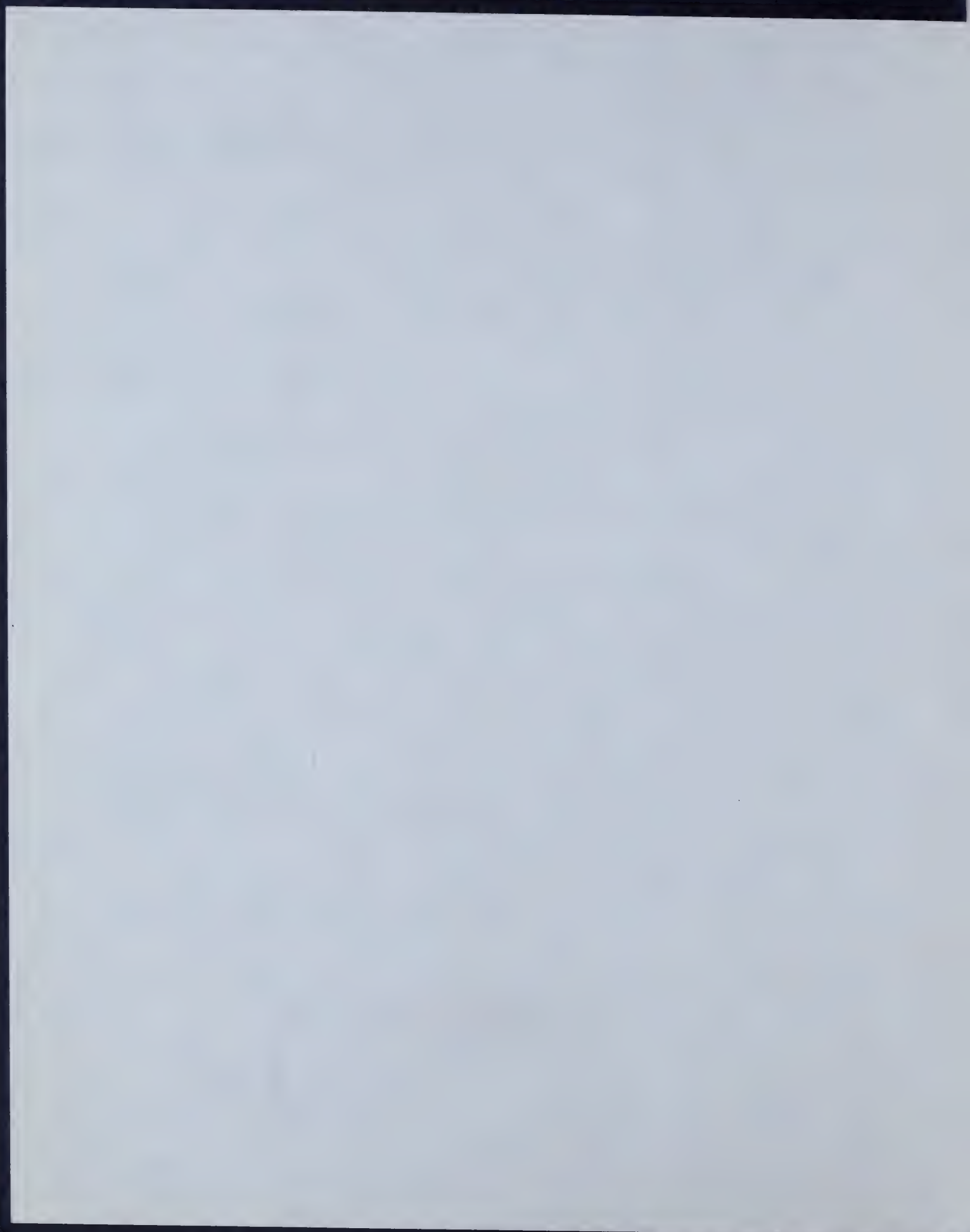
My Grandfather Robinson West Griffis and my Grandmother Julia Ettie Wood were married in Cobourg on July 4th, 1882 and were living in Port Hope at the time. Their birthdates are Mar. 24th, 1858 and Oct. 15th, 1862, respectively. My Grandmother Julia Wood was born in England.

My mother visited Adolphustown a few years ago on a W.I. bus trip and was very much interested but you were just starting the Museum and other projects. I do hope to visit there some time soon.

Any information you could give me would be appreciated. If there is any fee please let me know.

Yours very truly,

Mrs. R. L. Blackburn
Mrs. R. L. Blackburn,
(nee Alma Beatrice Griffis)



Brighton Scrap Book.

James E. Tobey, of Pictou, b. 7 Mar 1828 in Pr. Ed. Co. (No. Marysburg)
son of John Tobey, of Sullivan, Madison Co. N.Y. who came to Can. in 1809
& Hannah, eldest dau. of Conrad Van Deusen, sister of Rev. Conrad Jr.
10 children; eldest Mrs. Abigail Bongard; James E youngest,
= 1854 Elida Griffis of Adolphustown & settled in Tara, Bruce Co.
George Serolamy his brother-in-law
= 2^d Clara, widow of Thos. Ghent Carson, his 1st cousin.
d Wed May 1. (1900?) S.P.

Pioneer Life on the Bay of Quinte

Conrad Bongard

dau. Dorothy mar. 1st Mr. McGrane

2nd Rowland Griffiths

Belt in No. Marysburg.

Ch. by 1st Susan

Nancy

by 2nd - William

Sarah

Elizabeth

Bashby

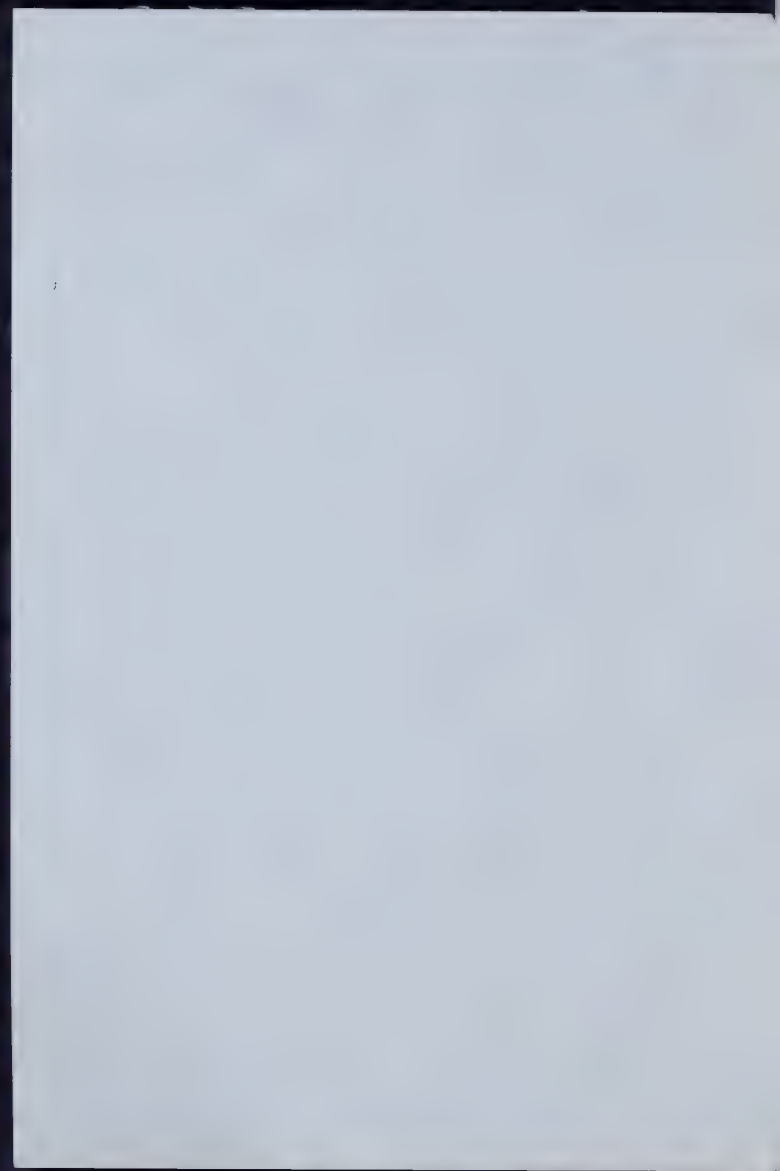
Rowland

Stephen



Wm Griffiths

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Cemeteries

Adolphustown Anglican

Joseph G. (or C.) Johnson 1830-1903
Elizabeth Griffith, his wife, 1824-1913.

Adolphustown United.

Philip D. Griffith b. 16 Oct 1838; d. 29 Jan. 1904
Mary Stratton, d. w. b. 22 Feb. 1846; d. 1 Dec. 1902.

Vanderwater

Flora, dau. of Gilbert Griffith, d. 19 Oct., 1870, age 64.4.26



Not in "3" in 1808

Wm. Gifford =
of 3 & 4

Waltham = Mary
De Forest

Philip
b.c. 4.11.1818

William
b.c. 26.7.1820

Robert * George Ann. Skipton
b.c. 18.2.1824
of Thetford
b.c. 26.5.1836
d. 19.10.1870
w. b. 4.4.26 1823 May 1806

re of Wm = Jane
Parr

John A. = Clara Emily
1823 (Van Buren?)
b. 1834

John
b. 1831

Capt. James E.
b. 1833
d. 27.12.1913
= Effie
d. 14.7.1909

Frank Victoria &
of
d. 16.2.1908

Wm. Constable
b. 1834

John
d. 11.12.04
w. 5.7.14

Robertson Wood = 4.7.1882
of Julia Ellis
b. 24.3.1838
b. 15.10.1862

= Julia
Robertson,
Green Pt.

R.L. Blackburn = Olive Peattie



Wm Griffiths =
 9 3 4
 Philip
 oc 4.11.1818
 Wm
 oc 26.7.1820
 Gabriel
 oc 18.2.1824
 Stephen
 oc 18.8.1824

Jas. A Griffiths = 1823
 Ann Castleton
 Clauson Emily
 (Van Dusen?)
 b. 1834
 Ann Castleton
 Cart Ward E.
 d 27.12.1913
 ae 80
 b 1833

Robinson West Griffiths = 4.7.1882
 b 24.3.1858
 Julia Etta Wood
 b 15 Oct 1862
 in England

R. L. Blackburn = Alma Beatrice Griffiths



